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SUBJ: ROBBERY OF ACADEMICIAN PETROV

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1. "PRAVDA" OCTOBER 20 CARRIES A BRIEF "TASS" ARTICLE (REPORTED PARA 2 REFTEL A) DESCRIBING THE ARMED ROBBERY OF ACADEMICIAN PETROV IN ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, OCTOBER 14. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT ACADEMICIAN L.I. SEDOV WAS THE SECOND SOVIET ROBBED ALONG WITH PETROV. IN REFTEL B IT IS REPORTED THAT VASILY SARYECHEV WAS THE SECOND VICTIM. PLEASE CONFIRM IDENTITY OF SECOND SOVIET INVOLVED IN ROBBERY.

2. NASA FYI: THE TASS ARTICLE, DATELINED WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 19, STATES THAT THE USSR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE USSR CONSULATE GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO SENT PROTESTS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE ARMED ROBBERY IN LOS ANGELES OF ACADEMICIAN PETROV AND ACADEMICIAN SEDOV WHO WERE TAKING PART IN "THE WORK OF THE CONGRESS FOR ASTRONAUTICAL MATTERS." THE ARTICLE CONTINUES BY SAYING THE EMBASSY OF THE USSR REQUESTED A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION AND ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR SOVIET DELEGATIONS, AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT EXPRESSED REGRET

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IN CONNECTION WITH THE INCIDENT AND SAID MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN
TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION. END FYI.
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